

## **CANTON PARK COMMISSION**

### **BOARD MINUTES**

**JULY, 2011**

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Frank Morris III, Vice President; Mr. Wuyanbu Zutali, Member; Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director. There were also a few guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The first item of business was the reading of the minutes of the June 8, 2011 regular meeting. A motion was made by F. Morris to approve the minutes as written. A second was provided by W. Zutali, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - Mr. Jesse Byrd of the O.P.E.N. Neighborhood Association asked the Board about possible development and re-naming of the Riverside Park.

The current status of the area was explained to Mr. Byrd. Since the property was not as yet back under the control of the Board, they could do nothing with the property.

The Director stated he had received no new information. Council member Griffin said he had heard the property was in progress to be returned to the City, but there were still a few legal issues to be worked out. The issue remained tabled.

2. Park Brochure Development - The Director showed the Board the latest print of the map that is being developed for the brochure. He told the Board that it still needed to be reviewed, but he felt it was close to being ready.
3. Possible Dominion easements Reifsnyder, Oak and Martindale Parks - The Director informed the Board that he was unaware of any easement requests received by the City. The issue remained tabled.
4. Ohio Plan Playground Evaluation - The Director told the Board steps were being taken to address the concerns of the Ohio Plan. He also stated there was nothing else new to report.

5. Hall of Fame Festival Expense Recovery- Mr. Morris reported that the Chamber had offered no money this year. He stated that next year the Park and Recreation staff would handle seat sales. The Director reported that he had made reports so that Mr. Foltz could record tasks and times involved with the festival.
6. West Park Neighborhood Association Sign Request - The Director reported that there was nothing new regarding this issue and suggested it be dropped from the agenda until there is new activity. Mr. Morris agreed.
7. Recycle/Ad Proposal - Mr. Gordon of the Mayor's office reported that there was an ordinance in Council with regard to this issue and by the end of August location's would be established.
8. Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce requesting the use of Park System bleachers for the Grand Parade - The Director reported that per the email he received from the Board President, he had signed and returned the request as approved.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting dates for 2011-2012 at the Garaux Building- Mr. Morris asked if the dates requested by the Recreation District were for programs that they were doing or for private instructors to use? Were there legal concerns? He asked if there was time to ask some questions. The Director stated there was time, and he would write a letter if the Board wanted to do so.  
  
Mr. F. Morris made a motion to table the issue and allow the Director time to send a letter to them. Mr. W. Zutali provided a second, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
2. Community Building Partnership of Stark County requesting to place signs on 19<sup>th</sup> & Edwards Boulevard - The Board reviewed this request, and a motion was then made by W. Zutali to approve it. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion was then passed by unanimous vote.
3. Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association requesting approval to place a sign on Colonial Boulevard marking their neighborhoods- The Board reviewed this request, and a motion was then made by F. Morris to approve it. A second was provided by W. Zutali and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Use Requests

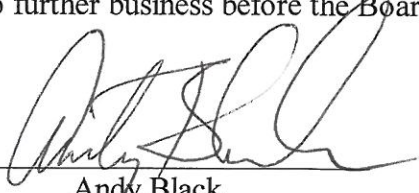
- A. The Link ( The Apostolic's of Canton) requesting to use Crenshaw Park on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to hold a summer picnic for the public.
- B. CAP II Community Fund requesting to use Nimisilla Park on August 21, 2011 to hold a "Back to School" event.
- C. Hall of Fame Ruff Ryders requesting to use Waterworks Park to hold a "Helping the Children of Cancer" fund-raising basketball tournament.

The Board reviewed the three requests. The Director explained that use C might become a request from Trinity Gospel Temple as he did not as yet have proof that the group was a not-for-profit and did not think they currently had the required liability insurance.

A motion was made by F. Morris to approve all three with insurance if Trinity Gospel Temple was the requestor for use C or the H.O.F. Ryders provided both proof of not for profit status and the proper insurance. A second was provided by W. Zutali, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Mr. Gordon of the Mayor's office asked if the Board was aware of the scheduled O'Jays concert to be held at Fawcett Stadium on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There was then discussion as to closing Stadium park for the event. The Director recommended that it be done to protect the park.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Andy Black  
President



Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary